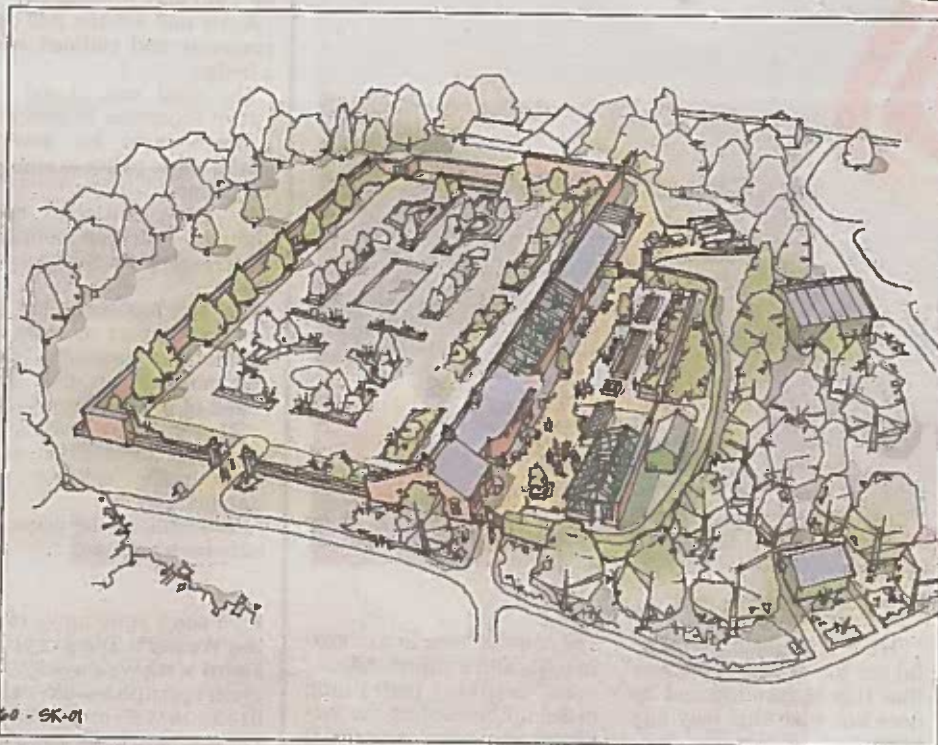


# £670,000 lottery windfall for historic walled gardens project



A sketch of what the walled garden will look like once the project is complete.

A HISTORIC walled garden at a castle estate near Haverfordwest is set to be restored thanks to a National Lottery grant.

Picton Castle and Gardens will be awarded the full grant of £670,000 towards the £1.2m project from the National Lottery to commence work on the Walled Garden Project.

The project will carry out essential restoration and repairs to the unusual, rare and historically significant group of buildings within the castle grounds and bring them back into sustainable use.

Chairman David Ellis said: "We're thrilled that the National Lottery has given us this support which enables us to continue to add new interest for visitors. This funding will enable the project to commence and preserve these buildings for generations to come and owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the lovely people who not only buy National Lottery tick-

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ets which have enabled this grant, but also to our loyal supporters who visit us so regularly."

The project will protect the heritage of the walled garden for the future and provide an area for activity, training and education.

Picton Castle is a Grade

I Listed Building, with the Walled Garden and structures within listed as Grade II.

Development funding of £100,800 was awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund two years ago to help the Picton Castle Trust to apply for this full grant.

Richard Bellamy, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Wales, said: "Gardens, parks and woods are a vital part of our heritage - it's very important to us to keep them safe and thriving."



A historic photo of Picton Castle's walled garden.